



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held February 21, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Sheriff Leroy D. Baca and Chief Marc L. Klugman, Correctional Services Division, Sheriff's Department, presented the attached report to the Board relating to the recent stints of violence within Los Angeles County jails. Assistant Sheriff Paul K. Tanaka and Chief Sammy L. Jones, Custody Operations Division, Sheriff's Department, also responded to questions posed by the Board.

Don Justin Jones, Roberto Carbajal, Najee Ali and Yvonne Michelle Autry also addressed the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"Given the significant shortage of deputies in our County jails and on patrol, it is prudent to utilize all of our resources for County purposes. After reviewing the various contracts the County has with other agencies, it is in the best interest of the County to eliminate the current Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) contract with the State of California, which Sheriff Baca supports. Eliminating this contract would immediately yield 119 deputy sheriffs and 64 custody assistants to produce a better inmate-to-deputy ratio. In addition, the County must pursue every opportunity to increase recruitment and retention of deputy sheriffs in the Sheriff's Department and to explore every feasible idea to achieve it."

Therefore, Supervisor Molina made a motion that the Board take the following actions:

1. Direct the Chief Administrator Officer and County Counsel to assist in the rapid termination of the Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) contract with the State;

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2. Request the Sheriff, and the Chief Administrative Officer, to immediately establish a working group, which should include the Sheriff's Department, labor representatives and the Chief Administrative Office, to address the Sheriff's retention and recruitment issues, and report back to the Board within 30 days with their review of the issues, and provide monthly updates, with work to be completed within nine months;
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to identify funds for a thorough review of the recruitment process to address timelines, bottlenecks and all salient issues affecting or slowing down the recruitment process with the results of the review to be provided to the Working Group and the Board; and
4. Request the Sheriff to report back to the Board on whether he would recommend the creation of a separate division for custody assistants within the Sheriff's Department.

Supervisor Antonovich made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burke, that Supervisor Molina's motion be amended to also direct County Counsel to contact the U.S. Attorney General regarding how the RICO (Racketeering and Influenced, Corrupt Organizations) laws might apply within the County as it relates to gangs; and report back to the Board. Supervisor Molina accepted Supervisor Antonovich's amendment.

Further, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a suggestion that Supervisor Molina's motion be amended to also request the Sheriff and Chief Administrative Officer to provide a status report to the Board on what effect the termination of the PDC contract with the State might have on custody operations, to be presented at the Board meeting of March 14, 2006 in conjunction with the report on the facility master plan. Supervisor Molina accepted Supervisor Yaroslavsky's amendment.

Supervisor Molina's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, was unanimously carried.

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Attachment

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Sheriff